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METHOD FOR THE RECOVERY OF HYDROCARBONS FROM HYDRATES

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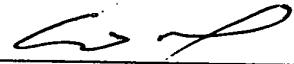
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A method for recovering hydrocarbon trapped in a hydrate formation, comprising the steps of

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(a) contacting the hydrate formation with an aqueous solution comprising from 10% to 75% by weight of a salt such as potassium formate or acetate salt to liberate hydrocarbon from the hydrate formation and producing a mixture of hydrocarbon and water vapour;

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(b) transporting the hydrocarbon/water vapour mixture and the aqueous solution to a separator, whereby the said aqueous solution absorbs water vapour from the mixture during the transportation step, to form a more dilute aqueous solution of the alkali metal salt, thereby inhibiting formation of hydrocarbon hydrates;

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(c) separating hydrocarbon from said dilute aqueous solution;

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(d) regenerating the aqueous solution of step (a) by heating said dilute aqueous solution to remove absorbed water vapour; and

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(e) recycling the regenerated aqueous solution to step (a).

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2. Applicant's claim for priority, based on papers filed in parent Application Number PCT/16302/04332 submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119, is acknowledged.

3. The priority papers, submitted _____, after payment of the issue fee are
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While the priority claim or certified copy filed will be placed in the file record, neither will be reviewed and the patent when published will not include the priority claim.
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